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**JOB PRINTING.**

**THE BRITISH COLONIST** PUBLISHING COMPANY have received a large addition to their stock of new and beautiful Jobbing type, will execute orders to any extent with neatness and dispatch, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

**LICENSING ANOMALIES.**

It is not often that we feel disposed to question the decisions of the Bench. There are occasions, however, when the public interest demands such scrutiny at the hands of the press. When it is found that by any particular course of action of the magistrates, injustice is likely to be meted out to individuals, and the prosperity of a community interfered with, it is fully time that the evil should receive a corrective. Some months ago an application was made to the Bench of magistrates for a hotel license. An expensive building had been constructed, the applicant satisfied the magistrates as to his character and the necessity for the accommodation; but the license was refused on the rather extraordinary ground that a protest had been made to the effect that the building encroached on a right-of-way. How this question should affect the granting of a license is one of those legal subtleties which only a Vancouver Island Attorney General might be supposed to grasp; we could never fancy, in the absence of this powerful auxiliary, that the profundity of the magisterial Bench would enable it to so thoroughly comprehend the connection. The next case we may illustrate as follows: A applies at the regular annual Court for a license for a well-known hotel in the city, formerly occupied by B, a bankrupt, and is told to apply again at the next Court, that the Bench may know something of the circumstances connected with the application. On appearing before the Court a second time, he is informed that as B owed the Government money, (which through the laches of those charged with the collection, had been allowed to fall into arrears) and as the house is licensed, and not the individual, unless he, (A), is prepared to make good those arrears, he cannot have the license. The gist of all of which is that as the Government has lost, through its own neglect, half a year's license, the first applicant must pay the deficit. There is something ingenious in this method of doing business, and we recommend it to commercial men generally. What a blissful system of trade to compel all solvent customers to pay the liabilities of those who are insolvent.

The next case is, perhaps, the most grievous of the three. A man wishes to know if he will obtain a license for a hotel which he is about to build, and the plans of which he lays before the Bench. The magistrates inform him, however, that they cannot take the matter into consideration until the house is built. The applicant goes to work and erects the building, and again appears before the Bench for a license; when (the great legal authority informing the Bench that the house stands on disputed property) he is told that as there is already sufficient hotel accommodation in the neighborhood in which he intends doing business, his application must be rejected. Now the injustice of the affair is palpable. The Bench were in a position to know whether a second hotel was required or not, when the man made his first application. They must have known also, afterwards, that the house was in course of erection, and that their decision might be probably ruinous to a person whose only offense was believing that the magistrates, induce him to go to the expense of building a hotel if they were determined on refusing his application.

We are not desirous of any unhealthy increase to our number of hotels, nor do we hold with the policy of drawing public revenue from private vices; but we are anxious to see even in our Licensing Court something like rational decisions. We do not believe that the welfare of the community is consulted in such decisions as the foregoing; nor do we think that private interests are very judiciously cared for. That the Bench can, by carrying out the strict letter of the law, throw legally sufficient obstacles in the way to prevent any increase to our hotel accommodations is quite true. But *summa summarum*, there is a medium in all things, and the large discretionary powers which our magistrates possess in their Licensing Court should be exercised liberally in a new country like Vancouver Island, where the policy should be rather to retain population than drive it gradually away. We have no desire to see a single hotel or public-house added to the large number we have at present, unless there is a necessity for the increase; but we think that a great deal of anxiety and expense might be spared individuals, if the magistrates would only relax a little in their austerity, and decide more on the merits of the application than on outside issues; such individual cases of hardships as we have just narrated, would, at all events, be so liable to occur.

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A SHIP CARPENTER TO FLOCKED TO England in a ship loading at the Sound. Apply to ANDERSON & CO., Store Street.

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By Order, F. MAIN, Secretary.

Victoria, V. I., July 19th 1864.

**NOTICE.**

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THE BRIG SHEET ANCHOR, SAYWARD, from San Francisco, will commence discharging at the Hudson Bay Company's Wharf THIS MORNING at 7 o'clock.

Consignees are requested to call at the Wharf Office, pay freight, and receive orders for their goods. All goods left on the Wharf after 8 p.m. will be stored at the risk and expense of the Owners.

**AUCTION.**

—ON—

Monday, July 25th,

**J. P. DAVIES & CO**

Will Sell

AT SALESROOM,

WHARF STREET,

At 11 o'clock, a.m.

On a Liberal Credit,

328 HUDSON BAY CARRIAGE RUGS,

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8 pieces 2-4 Stair Carpet;

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Pants; Coats; Vests; Cotton, Crimea, Regatta and Baluch Shirts; Neck Ties and Silk Handkerchiefs;

**GLOVES!**

Ladies' and Gents' Fine Kid Gloves, assorted colors;

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1 Patent Washing Machine;

1 Compound action Whisk;

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3 Cases Emery Powder;

1 Family Bread Making Machine;

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1 1-pint Hydrostatic block-tin Urn;

1 2-pint do do do;

**COW MILKING MACHINES!**

4 Patent Cow-Milking Machines;

The Patent Cow-Milker in the International Exhibition.

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**UNRESERVED**

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—OF—

**City Property!**

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To Capitalists, Speculators, Merchants and others in search of good Investments and First-Class Business Sites.

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**Lot 423,**

CORNER LOT—Corner Yates and Broad Street, 30x60, with Buildings thereon, occupied at present as a Grocery Store, together with

**DWELLING HOUSE ON BROAD ST.**

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30x120, with that Handsome and Extensive

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